

BUSINESS NOTES AND TRADE NEWS

Cotton Goods and Raw Silk Prices Gain With More Active Markets.

Trading in the local gray goods market broadened considerably yesterday and prices registered additional gains. For the standard 38½ inch \$4.60 print cloths holders were demanding as high as 9 cents, although there were only small sales at this figure. The bulk of trading was done at 8½ cents. Sellers of 8½-72 asked 10 cents for their offerings. It seems that they are trying to be a better disposed among buyers to contract further ahead than formerly. Buyers apparently are bady in need of goods and therefore are not complaining as much about price levels. The trade believes that current business has so strengthened conditions that cotton goods prices will not go down even if there is a break in raw cotton.

Raw Silk Prices Go Higher.

Increased activity and rising prices continued yesterday in the Yokohe and local raw silk markets. Prices in both markets rose 5 cents a pound. In the Japanese market Americans continued to be heavy purchasers, with only a small amount of buying being done by Europeans. Local importers, as a result of the increasing business here, are decidedly firm in their price views. It is believed that manufacturers have reached the point where they must buy in order to produce enough goods to meet the increasing demand from consumers and retail merchants. With the supply of desirable raw fiber limited importers entertain hopes of a continued rise in values.

Dress Manufacturers Busy.

Business in the dress manufacturing trade has expanded materially in the last few weeks. Salesmen are out on the road, and although there are booking only small orders from retailers, the volume is larger than that booked on their initial trip. While retailers are quite confident that an active fall trade lies ahead, they are waiting until the consumed demand is actually sufficient to warrant twills, tricots and satin-faced canary continue to enjoy undiminished popularity. A prominent manufacturer reported that he has been forced to pay about 35 cents a yard more for poiret twills now than a few weeks ago. Prices of dresses have not been advanced, although manufacturers are meeting higher prices in the primary markets.

Increase in Electrical Sales.

Business in the electrical industry continues to increase, according to Electrical World. Central stations are buying more material in preparation for the winter months. Fan sales were good last week in Chicago because of the unusual hot weather. Fixtures of the better grade are selling in larger volume. Prices are up, it is reported, and unsatisfactory to the manufacturer and some price increases are expected. Storage battery sales for August were far ahead of the corresponding month of last year.

Western Collections Improve.

Collections in the Western dry goods trade show improvement, according to John V. Farwell Company's review. General business conditions received an important fillip through the payment of strikes of the various railroads. Indications now point to a good fall business. The basis of settlement of strikes in New England textile mills indicates that there will be no reduction in price of textiles on account of labor costs. The gray goods market advanced one-quarter of a cent this week. Firm prices prevail on all lines of domestic cotton goods. Rugs and carpets are very active, with an increasing shortage of supplies.

COFFEE.

Prev. Open High Low Close Close
December..... 9.46 9.54 9.50 9.49 9.48
March..... 9.46 9.48 9.50 9.49 9.48
May..... 9.53 9.69 9.52 9.50 9.48

LIVE STOCK AND MEAT PRICES.

Cattle, per steer, 100 lbs., \$66.00-\$25.00; to hogs, 100 lbs., 1.50¢-\$2.35.

Common to prime hams, 100 lbs., 16.00¢-\$15.00.

Common to bacon, 100 lbs., 10.00¢-\$15.00.

Live hogs, 100 lbs., 10.25¢-\$10.75.

Live steers, 100 lbs., 15.00¢-\$18.00.

Butchered mutton, 100 lbs., .80¢-.14.

Dressed mutton, 100 lbs., .15¢-.16.

Dressed lambs, 40 lbs., .20¢-.21.

Live lambs, 40 lbs., .20¢-.21.

Live sheep, 100 lbs., .20¢-.21.

Live goats, 100 lbs., .20¢-.21.

Live pigs, 100 lbs., .20¢-.21.

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